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****UPDATE****

Westbound I-55/64 in St. Clair County

Location – Westbound I-55/64 between 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue, approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in East St. Louis.

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced its plans to switch over traffic on westbound I-64/55 between 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue in East St. Louis beginning after this morning's rush hour. Traffic will be switched from the left two lanes to the right two lanes in order to complete the work that will connect the eastbound traffic from the Martin Luther King Bridge to westbound I-55/64. The timing for this transition was moved up one day due to the unfavorable weather forecast for the remainder of the week.

During this transition, traffic will be reduced to one lane. After morning rush hour on Wednesday, April 19, crews will temporarily close the middle lane of westbound I-55/64 to transition the traffic control in preparation for opening the two right lanes later this evening. One lane will remain open at all times during this transition. The two right lanes are anticipated to be open by 7:00 PM. The lane closures are expected to continue through the summer.

Extensive delays are expected at this location all day and motorists are urged to plan accordingly and use alternate routes such as the I-70 Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge or the Martin Luther King Bridge. Message boards will also be utilized to provide additional information.

The General Contractor on this project is Keeley and Sons, Inc., of East St. Louis, Illinois. Mr. Joel Cumby is the Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation. If you have any questions concerning this project, you may contact him at (618) 346-3351.

Additional information is available at <http://stl-traffic.org>.

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